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MINES IN WAR.

Some days ago news came by cable from Tokio that events of first importance might be looked for soon at Port Arthur. It was intimated that the Japanese would assault. Now comes the report from Alexieff's headquarters at Mukden that the little brown men were repulsed and 28,000 of them killed by the explosion of mines; a report which is reiterated by the General Staff at St. Petersburg with the further claim that 30,000 were killed. If the news is half true it is bad enough; if it is wholly true it is a terrible disaster to Japan and a bad beginning for Marshal Oyama and General Kodama, who must have arrived on the peninsula in time to direct the assault.

Mines are changing the character of war both by sea and land. They are not precisely new, but they have never before been put to such decisive use. Before the outbreak of hostilities between Japan and Russia at least one great fleet action was expected; but none came, although naval losses on both sides have been large. That moving mine called the torpedo boat and the anchored and floating mine have fought out this war, the fleets being careful not to range up and fight in the good, old-fashioned way.

On land the first great loss, assuming the reports from the Russian staff to be true, were caused, not by the shock of contending hosts, but by the pressure of a button connected with buried explosives. The affair at Port Arthur was not a battle but a massacre, not the work of valor but of machinery. So was the sinking of the Petropavlovsk and the Hatsuse. What is to become of war if ships cannot swim the sea or men march on the land without peril of invisible dynamite? Will it be driven into the air as Tennyson foresaw or will it give way as settlement of private grievances by force finally led to the adjudication of law?

ONE OFFICE AT A TIME.

Acting Governor Atkinson is right in deciding that Legislator Hana is not eligible to the office of district magistrate whether he resigns his seat in the House or not. A legislator cannot resign to the Governor, nor would a resignation filed with the Legislature itself, were that body in session, answer Mr. Hana's purpose. The law distinctly holds Mr. Hana to one office during the time for which he was elected, in terms as follows:

Organic Act, Sec. 11. That no member of the Legislature shall, during the term for which he is elected, be appointed or elected to any office of the Territory of Hawaii.

There are one or two other cases in which application of the law should be made.

Democrats who flatter themselves that Parker will be elected and will "carry both houses of Congress," should post up. The United States Senate, as a hold-over body, must be Republican for about eight years, save in the improbable contingency that enough Republican members will die and have Democratic successors to change its politics. One of the things that leads many Republicans in the East to desert Roosevelt is the knowledge that a Republican Senate is secure and that it would prevent the Democrats, if in power otherwise, from doing any mischief.

It is a pleasure to know that Mr. H. C. Vida and Mr. Paddy Ryan have decided to confer on Honolulu the boon of a Good Government Club. It is a thing we long have sought and mourned because we found it not. The object of the club, as Mr. Ryan states it, is to elect "good men to the Legislature," a laudable purpose and one we hope to see carried out. Are Messrs. Vida and Ryan candidates?

Watermelons are piling up on the small farms but no way seems to have been found to restore the muskmelon crop which was once so plentiful here. There is no more luscious fruit than the Hawaiian muskmelon or cantaloupe and if a parasite can be had to counteract the pest that destroys it, science will have conferred a distinct boon on gastronomy.

The way to deal with the meat-cutters' strike is to have a strike of meat-eaters. That would soon bring all hands to their mutter.

Honolulu is entitled to a responsible postmaster during the next four years and will look to Governor Carter to indorse one.

It costs the average man \$10 to brag of his bag of birds.

Port Arthur seems to be a good mining district.

DEMOCRACY BAD FOR HAWAII.

Even Mr. W. A. Kinney, skillful as he is in argument, cannot find a good reason for being a Democrat in Hawaii. In his speech at Emma Square he said many things in favor of the National Democracy but except in one reported instance he did not apply them locally. The one Hawaiian advantage he could think of was that a Democratic majority here could get things of a Democratic administration at Washington. But this was an argument chiefly directed against the Home Rule party which has and can have no standing at the national capital; and it answers a Republican purpose quite as well as it does a Democratic one. Surely Democrats in power could not do more for Hawaii than the Republicans in power and the chances are that they would make times vastly harder for us than they are.

For instance the Democratic party is committed to the gradual removal of a protective tariff. That means, in the final analysis, the free importation of sugar, a measure advocated on the plea of making the food of the masses cheaper. Free sugar would utterly ruin Hawaii. It would prostrate the industry by which, in one way or another, all of us live. Of all sufferers the natives, dependent as they are on the wage-paying capacity of the white man, would suffer the most. His interests are vitally wrapped up in the protection of the Hawaiian staple. To be sure Hawaii may safely look to the hold-over Republican Senate for economic protection in the next few years but it cannot afford to give aid and comfort to the enemy, nevertheless.

Again, the Democratic party draws the color line. Its position, throughout the South, is distinctly for a white men's ballot. Hawaii is the only place in the United States where a colored majority commands a free ballot and it does so by grace of the Republican party. The rights of this majority have been specifically threatened by Tillman and are menaced by the general attitude of the Democracy on franchise questions.

Finally the Democrats who constitute the major portion of the party's strength in Congress are dead set against large aggregations of capital. Incorporated wealth is the only leverage big enough to handle the sugar industry of Hawaii. This is, peculiarly, the place of large financial undertakings; it gets little strength from the small capitalist save as he is multiplied and the resources of his class combined to achieve a great end. If the radical Democratic element had its way our gigantic island corporations, including some that Mr. Kinney is interested in, would be so curbed and harried that they could not do business advantageously. Their safety lies in the policy of fair play towards men who do business on a great scale as well as those who move in a small circle—a policy to which the Republican party is committed and under which the nation has gained more financial strength in thirty years than it did in the previous ninety.

The Republicans gave Hawaii reciprocity and annexation. They propose to fortify this group so as to make it a stronghold of that expansionist policy which the Democrats oppose. Without their protective tariff the population here would fall to 50,000 and poverty would be the social rule. Our chief danger lies in the application, to our economic system, of Democratic party views.

MOVING FOR LOW RATES.

The Merchants' Association is taking up the matter of steamship rates with an earnestness and force of logic which ought to bring results. The report of its committee, printed in this issue, is a public document of great value. It not merely asserts but proves that the steamship lines are discriminating against Honolulu; and it details the methods by which such hostility may be combated.

A debate on the report will be held on Friday at the rooms of the Association in the Young Building. If it brings about a concerted public effort to get lower passenger rates between San Francisco and this port, it will not have been held in vain; for it is surely within the power of the men who make Honolulu business for steamship lines to compel fair play. They can have lower rates if they want them. All that is needed is for the heavy shippers to unite.

WAIHEA NOTES.

The Waimea school houses are being renovated, and a new roof now protects the main building. New windows will be added and the whole premises put in better repair.

Many people from Wahiawa, Eleale, Makaweli, Kekaha and Mana spent the day in Waimea on the Fourth and thoroughly enjoyed the day's celebration.

William Leviki, a young Hawaiian, was found dead on his porch on the early morning of the Fourth. The deceased was a carpenter and well known in the community. Heart failure was the cause of his sudden death.

Mr. A. Robinson and family are expected back from the Coast in a couple of weeks, after an absence of one year.

Mr. W. W. Taylor has resigned from his position with Messrs. Gay & Robin-

son to accept a new one with the Hawaiian Sugar Company.

Many visitors enjoyed luncheon at the Nani Hotel on the Fourth and highly appreciated this new accommodation to the public.

Judging from the prevailing sobriety on the Fourth and the enormous amount of soft drink consumed, Waimea must indeed be a temperance town.

Don't try to eliminate the old-fashioned virtues—many have tried it with indifferent success. No good substitute has yet been found for simplicity, frankness, sobriety, industry and sincerity.—Garden Isle.

LIHUE NOTES.

Mr. Russel, of the Koloa sodawater works, who recently came back from a trip to his home in Ireland, has accepted a position as assistant bookkeeper for Koloa Plantation.

Mr. Cropp, the chemist of Lihue Plantation Co., will shortly leave for a pleasure trip to Germany.

Judge D. Kalawala of Kawaihau District Court was in Lihue last Wednesday painting a sign for Mr. Gandall's wholesale liquor store. He is to be congratulated on the excellent work he did.

Kauai seems to have her share of Examiner prizes. Among those winning prizes are: Ahiona, Nawiliwili, bicycle; A. K. Weir, Kilauea, ladies' gold watch; Iida, Kilauea, Mrs. W. Schimmelpfing, Koloa, and Henry Weibke, Lihue, one pair of gloves each. Miss Alice Roth is spending her summer vacation in Lihue. She is registered at the Hotel Fair View.

The Lihue baseball club celebrated their victory of the Fourth by a luau Saturday. Refreshments and dancing were on the program.

We are glad to learn that Rev. J. B. Hanaike is recovering from his recent severe illness.

Mr. K. W. Kinney wishes to state that he is not a candidate for the position of deputy sheriff of Koloa. Oscar Beaver also disclaims any ambition for the position.

It is reported that Frank Crawford, of Lihue postoffice, is leaving in the course of a month or so for an extended trip to New York and St. Louis.—Garden Isle.

If all of Charles W. Fairbanks' relatives vote for him for Vice-President he will have an overwhelming majority. His mother's maiden name was Smith.—Woodland Mail.

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